



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE



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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1967

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BROMSGROVE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR 1967

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1967

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the health of the Rural District of Bromsgrove during the year ended 31st December, 1967.

The general health of the population remained satisfactory. The birth rate and live births was the lowest for some years while there was a significant increase in the number of illegitimate births, the illegitimacy rate being more than double the 1964 figure, since when there has been a steady increase. There was little change in the death rate.

Of the total of 431 notifications of infectious diseases only 22 were due to diseases other than measles. There was a further fall in the total of registered tuberculous cases.

I am pleased to report an increase in the total of primary immunisations and boosters against diphtheria. Immunisations against whooping cough were also increased. There was, however, little change in the number of vaccinations against small pox.

On the whole the housing and health of the District is very satisfactory.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work of the Public Health Inspectors, the assistance of the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee and the Officers of the other departments of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 45,071

Registrar General's estimate of
resident population

Mid 1967 - 36,500

Mid 1966 - 37,400

Mid 1947 - 25,230

Mid 1937 - 19,620

Number of inhabited houses
according to Rate Book

End of 1967 - 11,380

End of 1966 - 11,047

End of 1965 - 12,057

End of 1964 - 11,963

End of 1947 - 7,798

End of 1937 - 6,645

Rateable Value 31st March 1967
Sum represented by a Penny Rate
at 31st March 1967

£1,321,617

£5,409. 8. 7d.

POPULATION OF PARISHES

Estimated

	<u>1939</u>	<u>1967</u>
Alvechurch	3,236	6,280
Belbroughton	2,676	2,520
Bentley Pauncefoot	344	330
Beoley	770	800
Clent	1,943	2,260
Cofton Hackett	3,736	2,080
Dodford-with-Grafton	513	620
Frankley	184	150
Hagley	2,233	5,840
Hunnington	543	660
Romsley	1,070	1,640
Stoke Prior	2,130	2,920
Tutnall & Cobley	697	910
Wythall	4,482	9,490
	<u>24,557</u>	<u>36,500</u>

Average per house 3.20

VITAL STATISTICS

(1966 figures in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	335 (390)	285 (324)	620 (714)
Illegitimate	24 (15)	20 (15)	44 (30)
	<u>359 (405)</u>	<u>305 (339)</u>	<u>664 (744)</u>

Birth Rate (Births per 1,000 population)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1967-Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	18.19	19.89	20.05	19.37	14.1	17.2 (17.7)
Comparability						
Factor	0.93	0.93	0.90	0.90		
Standardised	16.92	18.49	18.04	17.43		

Illegitimacy
Rate (Total live illegitimate births per hundred total Live Births)

<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1937</u>
6.62	4.03	3.89	3.30	3.20

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	7	9 (10)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (1)
	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10 (11)</u>

Still Birth Rate (Still births per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1967-Eng. Wales</u>
14.83	14.56	17.92	12.72	38.1	14.8 (15.4)

DEATHS

M	F	Total
163 (176)	133 (158)	296 (334)

Death Rate (Deaths per 1,000 population)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1967-Eng. Wales</u>
Crude	8.10	8.93	8.29	8.94	11.1	11.2 (11.7)
Comparability						
Factor	1.11	1.11	1.21	1.22		
Standardised	8.99	9.91	10.03	10.90		

Major Causes of Deaths (Percentages of Total Deaths)

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
1. Disease of the Circulatory System	51.7%	48.5%	51.5%	47.0%
2. Malignant Diseases	20.9%	18.2%	17.9%	20.3%
3. Respiratory Diseases (excluding T.B.)	9.9%	14.1%	11.8%	10.6%
4. Violent and Accidental Deaths	5.1%	3.6%	6.8%	7.4%

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal Mortality (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 total live and still births)

<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1967-Eng. Wales</u>
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	(0.25)

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATHS

Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	6	4	10 (19)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
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	7	4	11 (19)
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Neonatal Deaths (under 4 weeks of age)

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	5	4	9 (15)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10 (15)</u>

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	5	4	9 (15)
Illegitimate	1	-	1 (-)
	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10 (15)</u>

Infant and Neonatal Mortality Rates

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1967-Eng. Wales</u>
Deaths of legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	16.12	26.61	13.92	24.62	- -
Deaths of illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	22.72	-	-	80.00	- -
Deaths of infants under 4 wks. of age per 1,000 total live births	15.06	20.16	9.73	17.19	12.5
Deaths of infants under 1 yr. of age per 1,000 total live births	16.56	25.53	13.38	26.45	18.3
Still births & deaths under 1 wk. combined per 1,000 total live & still births	29.67	34.43	26.28	27.41	25.4

Causes of Infant Deaths

Congenital Malformation	2
Prematurity	5
Respiratory Disease	3
Other Causes	1

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN THE BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT

1967

Causes of Death	M.	F.	Total	Mortality Rate per 1,000 pop.
1. Tuberculosis respiratory	1	-	1	.03
2. Tuberculosis other	-	2	2	.05
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	3	8	.22
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung & bronchus	12	1	13	.36
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	9	9	.25
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2	.05
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	12	30	.82
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	1	2	3	.08
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	27	23	50	1.37
18. Coronary Disease, angina	37	24	61	1.67
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	5	7	.19
20. Other heart disease	11	14	25	.68
21. Other circulatory disease	4	6	10	.27
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	5	6	.16
24. Bronchitis	18	1	19	.52
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	4	4	.11
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2	.05
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2	.05
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	6	-	6	.16
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	1	1	2	.05
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	8	19	.52
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	2	3	.08
34. All other accidents	2	4	6	.16
35. Suicide	3	3	6	.16
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	163	133	296	8.10

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the antenatal, child welfare, school health, dental and specialist clinics, where much valuable work is done towards the preservation of the health of the community and the prevention of disease.

The Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Services, provided by the County Council, supported by the services managed by the W.V.S., and the British Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help.

(a) Hospital Services

The following hospitals were available to the residents of the district:-

Infectious Disease	Hayley Green Hospital, Halesowen Little Bromwich Fever Hospital, Birmingham
Tuberculosis	Hayley Green Sanatorium, Halesowen
Maternity	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Mary Stevens Maternity Hospital, Stourbridge Lucy Baldwins Maternity Hospital, Stourport The Birmingham Maternity Hospital, Birmingham
Children's Diseases	Children's Hospital, Birmingham
Venereal Disease	General Hospital, Birmingham Royal Infirmary, Worcester
Mental Illness	Barnsley Hall Mental Hospital, Bromsgrove Powick Mental Hospital, Malvern
Chest Surgery	Hill Top Hospital, Bromsgrove
General	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove Bromsgrove Cottage Hospital Smallwood Hospital, Redditch
Aged Chronic Sick	The General Hospital, Bromsgrove

(b) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Royal Infirmary, Worcester. Chemical analysis of water and miscellaneous specimens was carried out by the County Laboratory at Worcester. I am indebted to the Directors of these laboratories for their ready assistance and co-operation.

(c) Ambulance Service

This is provided by the County Council and the Rural District is served from depots at Bromsgrove and Redditch.

(d) Health Education

The Council contributes to the Central Council for Health Education. Health Education is carried out mainly by the County Council.

(e) Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels services were continued in the Hagley and Wythall areas through the agency of the W.V.S. The total of meals delivered was as follows:

Hagley	665
Wythall	2,210

1. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The Chief Public Health Inspector in his report gives details of the Sanitary Inspections carried out during the year.

2. Water Supply

The whole supply of main water in the District is now the responsibility of various statutory water undertakings.

Most of the houses in the district were supplied with main piped water supplies which were satisfactory in quality and quantity. There were still, however, some dwellings and farm premises with only well water supplies. These well supplies were to a large extent unsatisfactory and householders were advised to boil the water before use.

Routine sampling of drinking water from private wells, springs and boreholes for bacteriological and chemical analysis was continued during the year. The results were very poor, 70% were bacteriologically unsatisfactory while 11% were chemically unsatisfactory.

Sampling at source of main supplies was done by the Water Undertakings.

During the year the following extensions of mains were effected:-

The City of Birmingham Water Department	639 yards
East Worcestershire Waterworks Company	145 yards
The South Staffordshire Waterworks Company	92 yards
North West Worcestershire Water Board	351 yards

The following was the position with regard to the schemes for water main extensions:-

Alvechurch

Lea End	In abeyance
Ash Lane	Work in hand
Birch Acre	Instructions given for work to be put in hand
Bell Green Area	Approved in principle by Ministry of Housing and Local Government

Stoke Prior

Finch End and
Finstall Park Farm

In abeyance

3. Drainage and Sewerage

The following are the sewage disposal works situated in the District and operated by this Authority.

Alvechurch	Lye Bridge
Clent	Hossill Lane
Belbroughton	Weybridge
Hagley	Sweetpool Lane
Hunnington	Illey Lane
Finstall	Pumping Station to Bromsgrove U.D.C.
Stoke Prior	Henbrook Disposal Works, Shaw Lane

Apart from schemes which have been previously considered and are at present in abeyance, the general position with regard to schemes for sewers and sewage disposal at the end of the year was as follows:-

Alvechurch

Lye Bridge Extension	Work commenced. Additional work undertaken to treat sludge from Hagley Works
Grange Lane	Engineers preparing scheme including provision of equipment for pumping to Lye Bridge Disposal Works

Belbroughton

Fairfield)	Work in hand
Stoneybridge Extension)	

Beoley

Holt End	Necessary land acquired. Scheme, including the type of "package" plant proposed, approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but execution deferred owing to restrictions on capital expenditure.
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Clent and Hagley

Re-siting of sludge disposal installation (from Hagley to Hossill Lane, Clent)

Scheme abandoned - not approved by Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Arrangements made for treatment of sludge from Hagley Works at Lye Bridge Works, Alvechurch.

Hagley

New outfall sewer from north to Disposal Works

Instructions given to Consulting Engineers and outline scheme approved by Council

Hunnington

Illey Lane Works reconstruction and extension.

Scheme abandoned in favour of scheme for reception and treatment of sewage from area by Upper Stour Main Drainage Authority.

Storm overflow provision in Halesowen/Bromsgrove Road

Consulting Engineers instructed to prepare scheme for construction of link sewers

Stoke Prior

Henbrook works extension

Amended scheme submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and approved. Spray irrigation equipment has been installed to alleviate matters and additional land has been purchased to meet requirements of Severn River Authority. Detailed drawings in course of preparation.

Wythall

Inkford and Tanners Green area

Engineers instructed to hold in abeyance pending preliminary alternative investigations to be made.

Shawbrook area

No action pending construction of a new trunk sewer by Upper Tame Main Drainage Authority.

Pail Emptying

The pail emptying service was continued at weekly intervals in areas of the Parishes of Beoley, Frankley, Stoke Prior and Wythall.

A total of 76 households were served.

4. Public Cleansing

This service is administered by the Surveyor's Department. Domestic refuse is collected weekly in the built up areas of the district and fortnightly in the more rural areas. Cesspools are emptied free of charge three times a year.

SECTION D

HOUSING

As will be seen from figures under Section A of this report the population of the district was decreased by 900. At the end of the year there were 555 applicants on the Council's housing list compared with 600 at the end of 1966.

88 Council houses and flats were first let during the year while 273 were built by private enterprise.

Details of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts are included in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Routine inspections of food premises were continued during the year and every effort was made to ensure clean and safe handling of foodstuffs. Further reference to the subject is made in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

Food Poisoning

2 cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. In spite of extensive enquiries, the cause of the infection was not found.

SECTION FPREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASESNotifiable Diseases 1967

<u>DISEASE</u>	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox	-
Diphtheria	-
Scarlet Fever	11
Measles	409
Whooping Cough	7
Typhoid Fever	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-
Dysentery	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Acute Encephalitis	-
Erysipelas	-
Acute Pneumonia	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-
Malaria	-
Food Poisoning	2
TOTAL	431

Diphtheria Immunisation

The number of children immunised during the year was as follows:-

Primary Immunisation

Under 7 years old	630	(443)
7 - 16 years old	1	(3)
	<u>631</u>	<u>(446)</u>

Re-inforcing (Booster) injections	1223	(1106)
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Smallpox

No case of smallpox was reported.

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1967:-

Age at 31.12.67 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1 1967 1966		2 - 4 1963 - 1965	5 - 15 1952 - 1962	Total
Number vaccinated	19	352	122	22	515
Number revaccinated	-	-	3	12	15

Whooping Cough

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31.12.67:-

0 - 4 years	5 - 16 years	Total
562	8	570

Tuberculosis

Incidence & Mortality during 1967

Age	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 & over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	2	-	2	1	-	-	2

Five cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year.

The total number of registered cases was 101 (107) as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	48	46	94
Non-Pulmonary	5	2	7
	53	48	101

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1967

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BROMSGROVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1967.

Repairs and reconditioning of sub-standard houses continued, five applications for Discretionary Grants being approved and work on 10 houses was completed during the year. Thirty-nine Standard Grants were approved in addition and grant work was completed at 32 houses in the year. These were all brought up to the full standard and the average Standard Grant paid during the year was £170 per house.

Two Closing Orders and four Demolition Orders were made and one undertaking was accepted under the Housing Act 1957. Nine houses were demolished.

The five private slaughterhouses continued to operate and all the animals slaughtered, viz; 488 cattle and cows, 15 calves, 2785 sheep and lambs and 434 pigs were inspected. It was only necessary to condemn a very small amount of meat and offal, which reflects the high standard of the animals slaughtered.

A total of 162 samples of preserved food and ice cream were taken for bacteriological examination. Only eleven of the 104 ice cream samples were in Grades 3 or 4, all the others being satisfactory and all the 58 cooked meat etc., samples were negative for organisms of salmonella and dysentery.

It is pleasing to note that at long last work was commenced on the Fairfield Sewage Scheme, which when carried out will remedy a considerable public health hazard and source of long standing complaints.

I would acknowledge the loyal support of my staff in carrying out the many and varied duties devolving on my Department and I am grateful to the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee and Chief Officers of the Council for their helpful co-operation at all times.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

PEARSON P. CHAMINGS

Chief Public Health Inspector

COMPLAINTS

A total of 201 complaints were received during the year 1967 all of which were investigated and appropriate action taken.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following are the numbers and nature of Inspections made during the year:-

Houses Inspected	729
Number of inspections and re-inspections of houses	1657
Visits re complaints and nuisances	201
Visits re Meat Inspection	530
Visits re Notifiable Diseases	31
Milk and Dairies	-
Piggeries	91
Schools	-
Factories and Workshops	21
Outworkers' Premises	-
Moveable Dwellings	254
Water Supply	167
Works in Progress	259
Drainage	585
Shops etc. (re unfit food)	10
Visits to shops and food premises	397
Rodent Control	66
Canal Boats	-
Outside Interviews	674
Verminous Premises	-
Miscellaneous	506
Offices & Shops	62
Animal Boarding Establishments	31
Total number of informal notices served during the year	53

HOUSING

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

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|-------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| (i) | (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 729 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1657 |
| (ii) | (a) | Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 | Nil |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | Nil |
| (iii) | | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 7 |
| (iv) | | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) not found to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 28 |

2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-	
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	58
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-	
A.	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1957:-	
	(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	-
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
	(a) by Owners	-
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
	(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	2
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
	(a) by Owners	2
	(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-
C.	Proceedings under Sections 16 and 23 of the Housing Act 1957:-	
	(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	4
	(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	9
	(iii) Number of Undertakings accepted under Section 16	1
	(iv) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2

General - Housing

Four Demolition Orders and two Closing Orders were made during the year. Nine sub-standard houses were demolished as a result of formal and informal action.

The owner of a house in multiple occupation was prosecuted and fined £40 with 8 guineas costs for non-compliance with a notice to provide satisfactory means of escape in case of fire under Housing Act 1961.

Discretionary Grants

Applications were approved during the year for 5 houses.

Work was completed at 10 houses and grants totalling £3,965 were certified for payment.

Standard Grants

Thirty-nine applications were approved during the year. Certificates for payment of grants totalling £5,455.10.10. were issued in respect of 32 houses.

Rent Act 1957

No applications for a Certificate of Disrepair were received during the year.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Camping Club of Great Britain continued to maintain their holiday site at Romsley in a satisfactory manner.

Twenty-seven licences in respect of a total of 325 Caravans were in force during the year.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk

As the District was in a "specified area" all milk sold to the public had to be under one of the authorised Special Designations and consequently no samples of non designated milk were taken. It will be appreciated that a large percentage of the milk retailed in the District was bottled in other Authorities' areas where it was regularly sampled.

(b) Meat and Other Foods

There are five licensed slaughterhouses in the District. All animals were inspected and this entailed some extra work at weekends and in evenings.

Following is a summary of the inspections and condemnations which took place:-

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Lambs and Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	488	-	15	2785	434
Number inspected	488	-	15	2785	434
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	12	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	35	-	-	9	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	7.17%	-	-	.75%	.91%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	.20%	-	-	-	.23%

Routine visits were made to food shops, cafes and public houses for the inspection of premises and examination of food stuffs and in the main, conditions were reasonably satisfactory.

During the year 58 samples of various foodstuffs, including cooked meats, pies, sausages etc. were taken from premises within the district and submitted for examination. In no case was the organism of salmonella or dysentery found.

The following is a summary of foodstuffs of various kinds which were condemned as unfit for human consumption at retail food premises during the year:-

10 lbs Canned Meats
28 lbs Assorted Canned Foods
1 cwt 22 lbs Fresh Fruit and Vegetables
11 cwts 15 lbs Other Foods - mainly frozen

Condemnation of the Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Frozen Foods was mainly due to a fire at one premises and the breakdown of refrigerators, on three occasions at other premises.

(c) Ice Cream

The total number of registrations in force for premises for the retail sale of ice cream was 122.

One hundred and four samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination and the results of the samples were as follows:-

Provisional Grade 1	70	Satisfactory
2	23	Satisfactory
3	6	Unsatisfactory
4	5	Unsatisfactory

The unsatisfactory samples were followed up and satisfactory results obtained.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

Sixteen licences to slaughter animals were issued under the above Act during the year.

HOUSE DRAINAGE

Nineteen existing houses were provided with cesspools during the year whilst the drainage from nine houses was connected to the sewer and the cesspools abolished.

Also 300 new houses were connected to sewers and 17 to cesspools.

31 new houses at Stoke Prior were connected to a temporary disposal plant.

The question of providing sewers to various parts of the District and improving disposal works where necessary was considered by the Council during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

MAINS

Three samples of mains water were submitted for bacteriological and chemical examination and were satisfactory.

PRIVATE WELLS AND SPRINGS

Nine samples of water from private wells and springs were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination; of these 8 were chemically satisfactory and 3 bacteriologically satisfactory; 1 was chemically unsatisfactory and 6 bacteriologically unsatisfactory.

Thirty-two samples were taken for bacteriological examination only of which 9 were satisfactory and 23 unsatisfactory.

Fifteen existing premises were connected to the water main in 1967.

NEW MAINS LAID

A total of 1,227 yards of new mains were laid by the various Water Undertakings within the District during the year. These extensions were principally to supply new development in various parishes.

DISINFESTATION

No house was found to be in need of disinfestation.

All the Council refuse tips were periodically treated for flies and crickets where necessary by the Surveyor's Department.

RODENT CONTROL

A full time Rodent Operative is employed. A total of 454 infestations of private houses and business premises and 110 agricultural premises were successfully treated. A total of 966 visits were made.

During the year the Council continued to provide a free service for the destruction of rats at private dwellings but in the case of business premises a charge was made as previously.

Fifty-three contracts were made for the treatment of business and agricultural premises during the year and the income from this source amounted to £367.

Due to the co-operation of the public, possibly because of free service, 169 infestations were notified. These were in early stages and were thus only of a minor nature but it seems essential to continue the service to prevent any large-scale build-up.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

At the end of 1966, the number of premises registered was as follows:-

Offices	19
Retail Shops	70
Catering Establishments	32

I would point out that many of the shops in this District are family businesses, not employing staff, and therefore not subject to registration under the Act.

Offices at factories subject to the Factories Act are registered with H.M. Inspector of Factories and not the Council.

No accidents to employees were notified during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1949

Two cases occurred during the course of the year where it was necessary to make arrangements for the burial, under the provisions of the above Act, of a person dying within the District.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The number of industrial premises is not large and as a result air pollution from factory chimneys did not present a problem.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Licences in respect of 15 boarding establishments were issued during the year.

FACTORIES ACT 1937 AND 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	81	19	-	-
3. Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	14	2	-	-
TOTAL	97	21	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS	No. of Cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted (7)
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	1	-

